

# DUIs affect careers, lives

*By Lt. Col. Michael Glaccum  
9th RW Safety chief*

For many people, the holiday season ranks among their favorite times of the year.

Family gatherings, social events, and opportunities to travel and visit loved ones are enjoyed by a number of Team Beale members and their families.

We're also aware of the many risks of the season, including holiday stress, long-distance driving, and sharing the road with other drivers who have been drinking.

It's a fact of life that people are going to drink and drive. You might be in top

form behind the wheel, but it's a safe bet that a number of others on the same road are impaired, especially in the evenings and on week-ends.

You'll notice some wrecked automobiles on various Beale road sides over the next several weeks, all as a testament to the dangers of mixing alcohol and driving. Each of those drivers never imagined the day would end as it did.

Despite Beale's best efforts to get the word out, certain members are still not hearing the message on drinking and driving.

Thus far in fiscal year

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Santa cop

Col. Stephen Sheehy, 9th Maintenance Squadron commander, is placed under arrest during the 9th Security Forces Santa cop fundraiser Wednesday. (Photo by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier)

# Beale Airman saves life

*By Airman 1st Class George Cloutier  
9th RW Public Affairs*

An Airman with the 13th Intelligence Squadron recently saved the life of a distressed motorist from a fiery end.

Airman 1st Class Joshua Fain, 13th IS imagery analyst, was visiting his hometown Nov. 9 when he decided to help someone who was having some car trouble on a familiar freeway. Due to his actions, the driver's life was spared when the car burst into flames only moments after he arrived.

"A couple weeks ago, on the 9th of November, SrA April Burke and I took a trip

down to Ventura, Calif. to see some of my old friends," Airman Fain said. "I had left April with my friend Chris for a few minutes while I went to pick up my other friend Matt. I was on a familiar freeway interchange heading towards his house when I noticed a strange smell, sort of like brakes, coming from outside. As I continued driving I began to see smoke that was rapidly getting thicker and thicker as I approached whatever source was causing it. After a few more seconds, I realized that the smoke was coming not from brakes or tires, but from under the engine of a very nice looking black Corvette, which was

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# Beale Weather Flight exceeds ACC standards

*By Senior Airman  
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The 9th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight received an overall score of 96.8 percent on their recent Air Combat Command Air Force Weather Standardization/Evaluation Program inspection, far surpassing the mandatory 70 percent compliance required.

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"I am so very proud of our weather shop and how they did," said Col. Jon Engle, 9th OSS commander. "I believe these results show how the many areas around Beale support the mission in an above-average way, every day here at Beale."

Beale's weather shop is responsible for making forecasts and giving briefings for missions flown around the

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The 7th Space Warning Squadron Santa tracker is scheduled for Dec. 24. Call 634-5271 for more information.



## OPEN LINE



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**Brig. Gen. H. D. Pumbo, Jr. is the 9th Reconnaissance Wing commander at Beale. (Photo by John Schwab)**

# Mission first: More than theme, philosophy but mindset

By Brig. Gen. H. D. Pumbo Jr.  
9th Reconnaissance Wing

The 9th Reconnaissance Wing has a rich history as an active globally engaged organization.

Beale's high-altitude reconnaissance mission continues to play a vital role supporting the global war on terror.

Combatant commanders and our sister services constantly praise our efforts as they rely on us daily to provide high-quality intelligence products through our vaunted U-2 and Global Hawk aircraft and distributed ground intelligence systems.

It is because of this great responsibility that I call on every one of you to remain vigilant in keeping the "mission first."

Each of you take care of the mission every day, and that is where I need you to continue your focus.

Mission first needs to be more than just a theme or a leadership philosophy -- it must also be a mindset.

It should partner with our recognized core values — excellence in all we do, service before self and integrity

first.

With our present high operations tempo and battle rhythm, every member of Team Beale plays an essential role in national intelligence gathering efforts.

With unique jobs and individual duties to perform, the greater task is the same for all of us. Together we are a force multiplier and putting "mission first" binds our efforts to achieve the ultimate result ... mission accomplishment.

The philosophy of mission first is often contrasted with taking care of people.

Mission first does not imply taking care of people second; in reality, one cannot exist without the other. Everyone has a responsibility to our nation and our fellow service members to support both with equal vigor.

My pledge to you is that Team Beale commanders, chiefs and first sergeants will support each of you and your families while you continue to take care of the mission.

I want every family member to know as a dependant or spouse you also have

a critical role in our mission accomplishment.

I greatly appreciate your sacrifices and dedicate the wing's resources to support you while you keep the home fires burning.

Our services squadron facilities and activities, as well as programs through the Airmen and Family Readiness Center, are designed to help all family members.

I encourage you to take advantage of these services -- you may even discover something you didn't know about before.

Since my arrival in May, I am thoroughly impressed with the dedication, professionalism and patriotism of the warriors and family members of Team Beale.

I ask you to keep focused during the long war on terrorism and the continued fight against the enemies of freedom and democracy.

Live "mission first" and your dedication and perseverance will continue to make a profound impact for our Air Force, our country and freedom around the world.

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## Sortie Update

as of Dec. 12

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Goal	59 180	120
Flown	21 84	52
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**DUI from page 1**

2007 seven people have been charged with DUI, nearly half as many incidents as in all of fiscal year 2006 which was 16.

A number of the Airmen who were arrested claimed they "felt fine to drive" and didn't think they had exceeded their personal limits of how much they could drink to stay under legal limits.

The wing's policy on drinking and driving is based on the "0-0-1-3" program which was implemented nearly two years ago.

It means zero underage drinking incidents, zero DUIs, one drink per hour, and never more than three drinks a night.

While 0-0-1-3 is an easy and effective tool to remember, we also need to keep in mind that everyone has a different tolerance to alcohol.

Three drinks for a 200-pound male in three hours will have a completely different effect on a 110 pound female.

It's your responsibility to know how you'll be affected and to set realistic limits to stay safe.

As a Wingman, you need to keep an eye on those around.

Watch for others who may

have exceeded their own limits and make a poor decision to drive home.

When even the best plans fall apart, the Beale Airmen Against Drunk Driving are ready to offer a free ride home to anyone who calls, no questions asked.

While a last line of defense, BAADD exists to keep individuals from ever feeling the pressure to get home when they know they've had too much to drink.

BAADD saved over 150 lives in 2006 and can be reached around the clock at 634-5555 or 634-5700.

Beale also offers a number of other excellent resources to help manage the risk of drinking and driving; you'll be hearing a lot more about the Culture of Responsible Choices in the coming weeks and months.

The Wing Safety office also maintains the Alcohol Risk Management program and stands ready to help individuals and organizations with effective tools to lower the risk of an alcohol-related incidents.

For more information, visit the Safety Web site off the Beale Web site at <http://www.beale.af.mil>.

## Calif. DUI stats

\* According to AAA, California has some of the nation's strictest, and most complicated DUI laws. They are part of the uniform state code, and do not change in cities or counties.

\* DUI offenses are charged under motor vehicle and criminal codes. The criminal citation may be either misdemeanor or felony, depending on circumstances such as collision, damages, injuries, fatalities, etc.

\* Bail amounts range from \$1,600 to \$5,000 dollars.

\* Fines range from \$390 to \$5,000 dollars.

\* Restitution amounts range from \$100 to \$10,000 dollars.

\* Penalty assessments of 70 percent are attached to all court-imposed fines.

\* Jail time ranges from 48 hours to one year for misdemeanors, and five days to five years for felonies.

\* Driver's license restriction, suspension and revocation may be from six months to five years.

\* Vehicle impound is normal, but vehicles may be seized, confiscated and/or sold by the state.

\* Probation is usual.

\* Mandatory substance abuse assessment and treatment programs are also part of the process.

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world on a daily basis. Their focus is on how weather affects each airframe and its particular mission.

"We look for things from surface winds that can be hazardous to landing and takeoff for U-2s and Global Hawks, to space weather that can affect satellite uplinks and even cause radiation for the high-altitude pilots," said Staff Sgt. James Klusener, Combat Weather Team assistant NCO-in-charge.

Two major focuses of the inspection team were how well the weather flight supports the Beale mission and how well they can do their jobs in a deployed location, Sergeant Klusener said. The weather flight received 100 percent in both of those fields, Mission Weather Operations and ACC Tactical Operations.

The other areas inspected also received high scores, with Airfield Services Weather

Operations receiving a 91.8 percent and Staff Weather Operations receiving a 95.4 percent.

Although the visiting inspection team found many areas noteworthy, the weather flight's Continuation Training Program, which includes mobility training, stood out as one of the best innovations they have seen, Colonel Engle said. It is likely that those programs will be taken back to ACC headquarters and become candidates for programs at the major command level.

"Every single member of our flight has worked incredibly hard in preparation for this inspection - working extra hours, coming in for training days and updating standard operating procedures," Sergeant Klusener said. "But now we all have the satisfaction of a job well-done, and I'm proud to be a member of this flight."

## WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

### Tech. Sgt. Seanjon Judkins

**Unit:** 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 21

**Job:** U-2 electrical and environmental systems master instructor

**Hometown:** Burien, Wash.

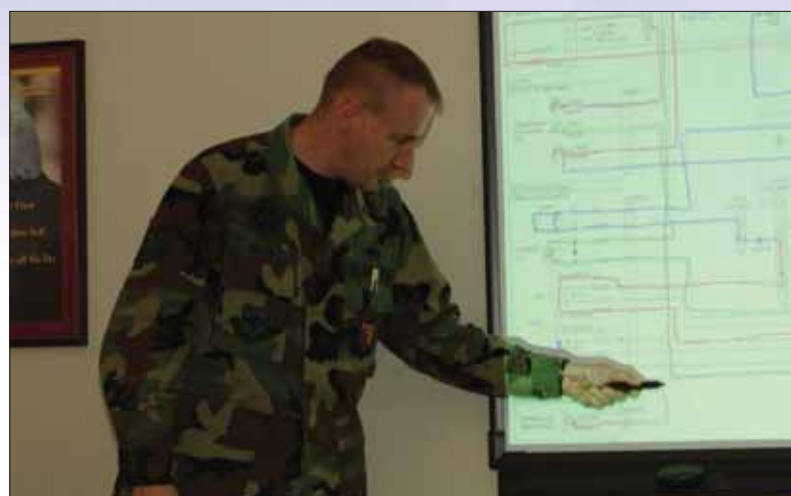
**Air Force goals:** To stay in as long as I can and to continue my education

**Time in the Air Force:** 14 and a half years

**Hobbies:** Working on cars

### The thing I like best about Beale

**AFB:** Being stationed at Beale allowed me to meet my very wonderful, supportive wife, Misti. Working on the U-2 has shown me a lot of what the Air Force does and the importance of all jobs associated with getting jets in the air. Beale has also given me the opportunity to earn my Bachelor's Degree.



Tech. Sgt. Seanjon Judkins, 372nd Training Squadron, Detachment 21 U-2 electrical and environmental systems master instructor teaches a class. (Photo by Airman 1st Class George Cloutier)



# Beale honor guard gets 'overhauled'

By Airman 1st Class George Cloutier  
9th RW Public Affairs

Military members everywhere have seen the men and women of the honor guard—sharp and precise, giving honor to those who serve and those who have served. Now, Beale's own are stepping it up yet another notch.

The Beale Honor Guard is turning a new page, with new changes, a new facility and new leadership. Now they're looking for new members to make the best honor guard Beale has ever seen.

"Beale's honor guard program has recently been completely revised," said Tech. Sgt. Matthew Crum, Beale Honor Guard Flight NCOIC. "Now, more than ever before, is the time to get on board with the honor guard."

Honor Guard is a special duty made up of Airmen from different career fields from across the base. Airmen who are accepted into the program spend part of their duty time with the honor guard and part of their time in their primary duty section.

"We are currently working on improving all aspects of the Honor Guard, with manpower being our biggest change," Sergeant Crum said. "With our current system, we have 15 people spread out into three teams rotating two weeks on, two weeks off and two

weeks on call."

With their current membership, on-call members are frequently recalled from their primary duty sections to assist the honor guard. This problem is slated to disappear with the beginning of the new system.

With a bigger pool of Honor Guard members, Airmen will no longer have to take time off from their primary duty with little notice to fulfill honor guard responsibilities as often as before; which will be a big relief to supervisors, according to Sergeant Crum.

"We are making a big push to get upwards of 45 new people in the next few months," Sergeant Crum said. "I'm asking supervisors to help recommend their best troops."

Criteria for new membership will also be expanding in the near future.

"In addition, we're expanding our membership to include certain retirees, Guard, and Reserve personnel," Sergeant Crum said. "We will also be accepting officers ranking from O-1 through O-3."

Though the span is widening for who can be accepted into the program, the Honor Guard still maintains the strictest standards, according to Sergeant Crum. "We want the most exceptional troops at Beale," Sergeant Crum said. "If somebody is really sharp and wants to join, we will make every effort to

fit them in."

Honor Guard standards are high, and the job can be demanding, and it comes with an equal reward. Members get the opportunity to travel, as well as take part in events which they would normally never get the opportunity to attend.

"The Honor Guard provides all funeral services for Air Force active-duty members, veterans, and retirees from southern Oregon, western Nevada and north of Sacramento," Sergeant Crum said. "We could be in the snow, on the beach, in the mountains or by a lake, and we have been in all those places. We also cover color details, sports games and retirement ceremonies."

These aren't the only perks to being part of the program, according to Sergeant Crum. Perhaps the best part about being an honor guard member is the sense of satisfaction gained from the people whose families and friends are being honored.

"The joy I hear from people when we tell them we can provide honor guard services as early as the next day gives me one of the most ultimate senses of service I have ever felt since joining the Air Force," Sergeant Crum said. "That's only the feeling on the phone, but when you're there it's so much more."

For more information, call Sergeant Crum at 634-3346.

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making its way to the shoulder of the freeway."

Sensing something was definitely very wrong with the vehicle, Airman Fain pulled over to better assess the situation.

"Not knowing if the person inside was okay or not, I pulled over in front of the vehicle and got out of my truck," he said. "When I approached the smoking car, I saw that the driver was an older woman who seemed to be quite distressed. She remained in the driver's seat and had pulled out her cell phone as I knocked on her window and lippled the words 'are you okay'. She responded by cracking the window and telling me that she was calling her husband. I informed her that I would like to remain on the scene until either her husband or other help arrived, which she gladly obliged to. I walked farther towards the shoulder and called 9-1-1. I told them that there was a vehicle smoking on the side of the freeway and that the smoke was pouring over both lanes. The dispatcher took my information and asked me to stay on the scene until the fire department arrived."

While Airman Fain waited for emergency responders to show up on the scene, the situation at hand seemed to be getting worse by the

second.

"The smoke was gradually getting thicker and darker which worried me," he said. I could see what looked like radiator fluid had burst from underneath the hood and came out through the vents and up onto the passenger side of the windshield. Upon closer inspection, I began to see single streams of smoke shooting through the solid parts of the hood, which I thought was peculiar."

At that point, it became obvious to Airman Fain that the situation had taken a sudden swing for the worse.

"I began to see the paint start to boil on the hood, and realized that the engine was on fire," he said. "At this point, my primary concern was to get this woman from out of the car and into safety. As I tried to coax the woman from the car, I began to feel myself becoming very uneasy and started hearing the haunting words from my old military training instructors echoing 'move with a sense of urgency!' run through my head. The woman agreed to exit the vehicle, however thought it important to get some of her belongings from the passenger side seat. Obviously starting to fear for my own well-being, I pleaded her to leave it and come with me to my truck. Finally, I got her inside and pulled away about 30 yards or so."

Airman Fain, acting on his instinct and military training, "moved with a sense of urgency" to get himself and the woman out of the path of danger, only seconds before the real danger erupted.

"Not one minute from the time she had come out of the vehicle, the Corvette burst into flames, which blew wildly over both lanes of the freeway, engulfing the vehicle and taunting oncoming traffic," Airman Fain said. "At the sight of this, the woman broke down and started shaking, weeping, and speaking indistinctly about how this was a wedding gift to her husband. I did my best to comfort her by holding her hand and assuring her that everything would be okay, and that at least nobody had been injured."

Shortly after the car burst into flames, the woman's husband, followed by the California Highway Patrol and fire department arrived on the scene. The flaming vehicle was quickly extinguished, and reports on the incident began. In the midst of all the chaos and emotion, the couple expressed their gratitude to Airman Fain for his selfless action.

"David (the husband) was extremely grateful and convinced that I had saved his wife's life," Airman Fain said. "He insisted that I let him

pay for the damages to my truck, which I quickly turned down. After I assured him that I was there to help, not collect money from him, he convinced me to give him my address so that he could send me a thank-you card. After a few hugs and handshakes, I was free to leave the scene."

Since the incident, Airman Fain has met with the couple again at their home, and has also been invited to their wedding reception, which is taking place this month. After meeting the newly wed couple personally, whose names are David and Michelle, Airman Fain learned just how thankful they are, especially Michelle, for what he did that fateful day.

"The woman in the car, whose name I learned is Michelle, insists that I am her guardian angel," Airman Fain said. "The fact that someone could think that about me is, for lack of a better word, amazing."

Though he saved another's life in a most honorable display of both kindness and bravery, Airman Fain insists that it was just chance that he was able to help someone in need.

"I am very glad to have had the opportunity to help somebody in need the way that I did," he said. "It was all a matter of timing; I was just in the right place at the right time."

# Community Briefs

## Flu shots

Flu shots are now available for military members and their dependants.

For more information, call the Immunizations Clinic at 634-4740.

## Holiday decorations guidance

During holiday seasons base housing residents may want to decorate their homes.

In order to prevent damage to homes, housing residents are reminded to use clips and ties to secure holiday decorations.

Do not use nails, screws or staples to secure decorations to any part of the exterior of the home. Decorations must not be placed on the roof. To conserve energy, holiday lights must be turned off no later than 11:30 p.m. All decorations must be removed no later than Jan. 8.

## BAA meeting

The Black Awareness Association holds a weekly Tuesday meeting in the Community Center Reno Room from 12 to 1 p.m. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Taraus Boyd at 634-2690 or Staff Sgt. Leray Smedley at 634-8521.

## Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts of Tierra del Oro, the Beale service unit, is in need of adult volunteers.

For detailed position descriptions or

for more information, call Tonia McCall at 800 322-4475, extension 2792.

Also ask about joining a troop, it's not too late.

## Commissary information

The commissary will be open Dec. 18, 24 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The commissary will be closed Christmas and New Year's Day. Normal business hours will resume Jan. 2. The pre-Christmas sidewalk sale is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.

For more information, call the commissary at 634-2424.

## Airmen's Attic

The Airmen's Attic is still taking good, reusable clothes, toys and uniforms and is running low on girls and maternity clothes, toys and baby items.

The attic is located in TLF and is free for staff sergeants and below. Every second and fourth Friday they are open to master sergeants and below, and an All Rank's Day is held monthly. The attic is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the attic at 634-5640 or 788-2993 (after hours).

## Jingle bell run

The 5K Jingle Bell Fun Run is scheduled for Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. The starting point is next to the Coyote

Run golf cart shack.

For more information, call the Harris Fitness Center at 634-2258.

## \$2,000 General Arnold grant

Last year, the Air Force Aid Society awarded \$6.5 million in college education grants to Air Force dependants.

All military dependants are eligible. Visit the Airman and Family Readiness Center to pick up an application or visit <http://www.afas.org>.

For more information, call the Airmen and Family Readiness Center at 634-2863. The deadline for applications is March 9.

## Administrative support flight reorganization

Individuals visiting the Administrative Support Flight for assistance with passenger travel, personal property, awards and decorations, right start and sponsorship and technical orders and publications should be aware that these individuals have reorganized within the office.

Phone numbers remain the same but personal property and passenger travel staff have relocated from the counters in the lobby to Room 118 towards the back.

The awards and decorations, right start and sponsorship and technical orders and publications staff have moved from Room 118 into the counter area in the lobby.

For more information, call Bill Hornerman at 634-5134.

## Free Christmas trees

Green Acres Nursery and Supply in Roseville is honoring families of deployed servicemembers with free Christmas trees this holiday season.

Active-duty military families with a deployed member can visit the nursery at 901 Galleria Boulevard in Roseville and pick out a tree free of charge. Green Acres Nursery and Supply's selection includes Douglas and Noble firs ranging from five to 10 feet tall.

For more information, call Tawny Snelgrove or Kevin Bell at 916-782-2273 or e-mail at [gillamonster01@aol.com](mailto:gillamonster01@aol.com).

## Supply and Material Management

For supply concerns, call Material Management on Block I, II and III concerns. Block III training will be taught by Michael Garcia and not CBT. To schedule classes for new equipment custodians call Mr. Garcia at 634-4661.

On blocks I and II, Zero Overpricing, and material management procedures, call Debbie Schweitz at 634-2453.

## Project C.H.E.E.R.

The 9th Services Squadron Project C.H.E.E.R. is now underway. This pro-

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gram involves Creating Hope, Energy, Enthusiasm and Recreation. Many free and discounted activities will be available to all, especially families of deployed servicemembers and young, newly arrived Airmen. Many instant prizes will be given away.

For more information on Project C.H.E.E.R. visit <http://www.bealeservices.com> or call Services Marketing at 634-5407.

### AFSA meeting

The next Air Force Sergeant's Association meeting is scheduled for Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Community Center ballroom. Annual elections will be held and all voting members are encouraged to attend.

A drawing will be conducted for a free AFSA polo shirt and one-year membership.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Roger Barnett at 634-8308.

### Housing office closure

The 9th Civil Engineer Squadron Housing Office will close at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday. For immediate assistance, call the 9th CES Service Call Desk at 634-2604. Chugach Housing Maintenance will have normal business hours for housing maintenance issues or service calls. They can be reached at 788-0241.

### Holiday chapel hours

Family Christmas Mass is Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Christmas Eve candlelight service is

Dec. 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Foothills chapel.

Christmas midnight Mass is Dec. 25 at the Foothills chapel.

Watch Night Service is Dec. 31 at 11 p.m. the Valley chapel.

### Easy money at AAFES

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service's annual community gift wrap program is underway. The program helps squadrons raise money. AAFES supplies the space, gift wrap, tape, ribbons and name tags.

Squadrons supply people to man the table, wrap gifts for donations and keep 100 percent of donations. Dates are available now through Dec. 24 during normal store hours.

For more information or to sign up, e-mail Mark Sheppard at [sheppardm@aafes.com](mailto:sheppardm@aafes.com). Civilian organizations are not available to participate.

### Air National Guard part-time vacancies

The Alabama Air National Guard units in Montgomery, Ala., have many open part-time vacancies.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Vonsetta Love at DSN 358-9191 or 334-394-7190 or e-mail at [vonsetta.love@almon.ang.af.mil](mailto:vonsetta.love@almon.ang.af.mil).

### High Flyer classifieds

Military members can place classified ads in the High Flyer at <http://highflyer.theunion.com/classifieds> and following the instructions.

The deadline for submitting classifieds is Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. for the following Friday's edition.

### Job openings

The 106th Maintenance Group in Westhampton Beach, New York, has several full-time and part-time job openings to be filled, including aircraft fuels, life support and sheet metal.

For more information, call Col. Robert Landsiedel at DSN 456-7497 or 631-723-7497.

### Firing range safety

The base firing range, located northeast of the intersection of Warren Shingle Boulevard and Doolittle Drive, as well as the machine gun range located adjacent to Miller Lake are designated as no trespassing areas.

When the red flag is flying or the red beacon is flashing at the base firing range, Friskey Lake is off limits.

When the red flag is flying and the barriers are up adjacent to Doolittle Drive and the Explosive Ordnance Disposal range, the machine gun range and Miller Lake are off limits.

Entering into these areas for other than official business is illegal and extremely dangerous due to gunfire.

For more information, call combat arms at 634-2876 or the law enforcement desk at 634-2131.

### Beale Thrift Shop

The Beale Thrift Shop is currently taking fall, winter and holiday dona-

tions and consignments.

Hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Consignments are accepted until 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds from sales go to the Beale Officers' Spouses' Club's charitable fund used for scholarships and community donations.

The shop is located at 6201 B St. in the Omni parking lot across from the commissary.

For more information, call 788-1892.

### Vehicle decals

As a reminder, 2006 base vehicle decals will expire Dec. 31.

To renew a registration, please provide a current proof of insurance, military identification and a valid state driver's license. Also, an out-of-state vehicle may need to pass a California emissions test prior to renewal.

For more information, call Nicole Lytle at 634-3143.

### Deadline for submissions

The deadline for submissions to the High Flyer is Friday the week prior to the desired publication date.

Submissions are printed on a space available basis. Submissions after the deadline will not be published until the following week.

News briefs will run for no more than three consecutive weeks.

For questions or more information, call 634-8887.

### Dec. 15 Puzzle Solution

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# Vietnam war pilot's family gets closure after 40 years

*By Airman 1st Class George Cloutier  
9th RW Public Affairs*

**F**or the past couple years, a Team Beale member has worn a special bracelet.

This bracelet honors the memory of a fellow Air Force officer who went down in North Vietnam in 1965, never to be heard from again.

Now, more than 40 years later, Capt. Monty Harshner, 9th Airfield Operation flight commander, has returned the bracelet to the family of Col. Charles Scharf.

Colonel Scharf was shot down as a captain in hostile territory and had been missing in action until recently when his remains were identified.

"Long before people started wearing bracelets for almost any reason, we in the military were wearing the POW/MIA bracelets"

Captain Harshner said. "I wanted one I could identify with, so my wife got me one, a fellow captain from California."

Captain Harshner, who is also from California, quickly got attached to the bracelet as he used it to gain perspective in his daily life.

"It just became part of my uniform, I put it on every day and it helped me keep perspective," he said.

"We tend to get caught up in our bad days, operational challenges, doing more with less, deploying, so it's easy for people to feel discouraged or stressed out, but I look at that bracelet and remember what a really challenging day can be," the captain said.

One day, while doing a routine search on Colonel Scharf, Captain Harshner stumbled upon something he wasn't expecting to see that day.

"Just the other night, I was sitting down watching the news on the Internet and I saw an old military picture that looked like Colonel Scharf," the captain said. "I double clicked on it and sure enough it had his wife talking about DNA that was taken from love letters that he sent."

Scientist used DNA taken from the letters to positively identify remains that had been found in North Vietnam in the early eighties, according to the captain.

After seeing the news broadcast, the captain sought out the colonel's wife, who he found out worked in the plaque shop at the Pentagon.

"I'd never spoken to her, I didn't even know she existed," Captain Harshner said. "I cold-called and I said this is who I am, I'd like to get your mailing address. I have something I'd like to send to you. She

asked what do you plan on sending, and I started explaining that I wear this bracelet and she just started getting emotional."

The colonel's funeral was held Nov. 30 at Arlington national cemetery in Washington D. C.

The captain was not able to attend the ceremony; however he sent the bracelet, which was placed in the colonel's casket, along with a letter expressing his regards to the colonel's wife, who now has some closure after more than 40 years.

"She was very happy to finally have some closure and to have a place to go on Saturdays to talk to her husband," the captain said. "He's brave, he gave the ultimate sacrifice, and I'm compelled to do my best. How could I not when other people are making this kind of sacrifice?"

**BAADD 634-5700**

## **Foothills Chapel**

*15001 Camp Beale Highway  
(Family housing area)*

Protestant "Praise" worship service  
Sundays, 9 a.m.  
(includes "Parents' Nursery" and  
children's church)

Catholic Mass  
Sundays, 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.  
Catholic Reconciliation  
Sundays, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
Catholic daily Mass  
Mondays through Fridays, 11:30 a.m.

## **Valley Chapel**

*6199 C St. (Main base)*

Islamic worship  
Every other Friday, 1 p.m.  
Gospel Protestant worship service  
Sundays, 11 a.m.  
(includes children's church)

**Protestant Programs:** Sunday School (10:30 a.m.) at Lone Tree Elementary. AWANA on Mondays and JV-Varsity on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m. at Foothills Chapel. Protestant Youth meets Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Valley Chapel and Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Foothills Chapel.

**Protestant Bible Study Groups:** Men - Second & fourth Sunday, Valley, 5 p.m. and Wednesday, Valley, 7 p.m. Women - Tuesday, 9-11 a.m. Foothills (children welcome) Thursday, 6:45 to 8 p.m., Valley.

**Catholic Programs:** Religious Education - preschool-12, Sundays 9 a.m. at Lone Tree Elementary School. RCIA, Catholic Youth, CWOC, CMOC and Adult Bible Study call Leila at 634-4707.

**MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers):** Second & fourth Thursdays at Foothills Chapel.

*Questions concerning marriages, baptisms, choirs, Navigators, and Officer Christian Fellowship can be directed to the chapel staff at 634-4701.*



# Beale Bijou

634-2521

Friday evening  
**No Movie**

Saturday evening  
**No Movie**



Wednesday evening  
**The Wicker Man**  
**(PG-13)**

*Nicolas Cage, Ellen Burstyn*  
Police officer Edward

Malus stops a station wagon to return a little girl's lost doll. Moments later, a runaway truck slams into the station wagon, igniting it into a fiery wreck with the mother and child trapped inside. Edwards fails to save them before the car explodes -- and then spends months of his life choking down pills to get the image of their faces out of his head. But Edward is about to get a second chance.

## Upcoming movie events:

Friday, Dec. 22 - No movie

Saturday, Dec. 23 - No movie

Wednesday, Dec. 27 - Lady in the Water

# Keeping pets in mind this holiday season

*By Army Specialist Darlene Terminel  
Beale Veterinarian Clinic*

The holidays are a time for giving, but there are some things that should not be shared with pets.

Below are some items to keep from pets while decorating and entertaining this holiday season:

\* **Bones:** Holiday turkey will leave a lot of tantalizing bones; don't feed them to pets. Small bones or bone fragments can get lodged in their throat, stomach and intestinal track.

\* **Chocolate:** Chocolate contains theobromine, which can be toxic to pets and can cause severe gastrointestinal irritation, neurological disorders and even death.

\* **Fat:** Don't feed table scraps to pets. Fatty meats, gravies and poultry skin can cause pancreatitis, gastritis, enteritis, colitis and other gastrointestinal problems.

\* **Holiday plants:** Many holiday plants such as holly, mistletoe, poinsettias and lilies can be poisonous and cause health problems in dogs and cats.

\* **Electrical cords:** Holiday lights mean more electrical cords for pets to play with and chew on.

Be sure to keep those cords taped down

or out of sight to avoid electrical shock and other dangerous hazards.

\* **Christmas tree:** Make sure the tree is well secured to prevent it from falling over, especially if you have a tree-climbing cat or large dog with a happy tail.

Preservatives used in the water for trees are often poisonous, so be sure it is inaccessible or not used.

\* **Ornaments:** Small ornaments are choking hazards and should be kept out of reach. String objects such as tinsel and ribbon are thin and sharp and can wrap around intestines or ball up in the stomach.

\* **Stress and company:** With everyone coming and going, watch out for open doors and sneaky pets.

Make sure pets have collars and tags on in case of escape.

Ask guests to keep an eye out for pets under foot and remind them that the normally-friendly dog or cat may be less than willing to deal with enthusiastic children and rooms full of unfamiliar people.

Be sure to provide a quiet place with a blanket and fresh water for pets to relax should the festivities become too festive.

For more information, call the 9th Services Squadron Veterinarian Treatment Facility at 634-2104.

**Movies are being shown  
at the Community Center  
as the Beale Bijou  
undergoes renovations.  
Evening movies play at 6 p.m.  
unless otherwise specified.  
The cost is free.  
For more information,  
call 634-3165.**



**Congratulations to the following senior airmen for their recent graduation from Airmen Leadership School:** (Photo by John Schwab)

Rachel Green  
*9th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron*

Derrick Gunter  
*9th AMXS*

Sara Pinto  
*9th Medical Support Squadron*

Jennifer Owens  
*13th Intelligence Squadron*

Gregory Bates  
*12th Reconnaissance Squadron*

Daniel Saville  
*13th IS*

Shawn Rose  
*9th Physiological Support Squadron*

Joseph Benton  
*9th Maintenance Squadron*

Eric Roberts  
*9th MDSS*

Kevin Younger  
*9th PSPTS*

James Skelton  
*9th Logistics Readiness Squadron*

Ryan Samuels  
*9th AMXS*

Jiwhon Lee  
*9th AMXS*

Amanda Elkin  
*9th Intelligence Squadron*

Sara Higgins  
*9th Services Squadron*

Melissa McCool  
*9th PSPTS*

Latoya Gibbs  
*9th Security Forces Squadron*

Adrian Flores  
*9th Civil Engineer Squadron*

Bernard James  
*9th SFS*

Ruth Cruz  
*13th IS*

Morgan Evers  
*9th Medical Operations Squadron*

Christophor Allen  
*48th Intelligence Squadron*

Eric Fox  
*9th SFS*

Michael Sortor  
*9th SFS*

Gail Foil  
*13th IS*

**John L. Levitow  
award winner**  
Mark Murray Jr.  
*13th IS*

**Distinguished graduates**  
Justin Perfetti  
*13th IS*

Ryan Fabian  
*13th IS*

**Leadership award winner**  
Patrick Araujo  
*9th CES*

**Academic achievement  
award winner**  
Justin Perfetti  
*13th IS*

# ABU available to deploying Airmen upcoming spring

WASHINGTON — The Airman Battle Uniform is on track for distribution this spring to Airmen deploying as part of Air Expeditionary Forces 7 and 8.

The new ABU is in production and uniforms are being warehoused.

Most Airmen will get two ABU sets and two Desert Combat Uniform sets for their deployment.

Battlefield Airmen with Air Force specialty codes for combat rescue, special tactics, pararescue jumper, combat control, tactical air control Airmen, members of the special operations weather team, battlefield weather Airmen and explosive ordnance members will each receive four ABU sets.

By October 2007, the Air Force will begin issuing the ABU to Airmen in basic military training, and in June 2008, the uniform will be available for purchase by the rest of the Air

Force in Army Air Force Exchange Service outlets.

The ABU boasts 236 different size options in both male and female sizes.

Additionally, its permanent press finish means the uniform cannot be starched, pressed or dry-cleaned. Airmen will be able to pull the ABU from the clothes dryer and wear it without further treatment. Any ironing could degrade the effectiveness of the uniform.

The cost for the uniform, pants and coat, runs about \$81. Additional items, such as socks, T-shirts, belts, and ABU-style hats will also need to be purchased. Airmen are authorized to wear DCU-style boots with the ABU until the newly designed green boots become readily available. The green boots are priced at \$100.

The expected mandatory wear date for the new ABU is October 2011.

# Shop the commissary for holiday gifts, food

By Kay Blakley  
*DeCA home economist*

FORT LEE, Va. - Many may think of the commissary when it's time to do some holiday entertaining or when making out the grocery list for that all-important Christmas dinner. But, the smart shopper, looking for ways to stretch each and every holiday dollar, will carefully pursue the commissary aisles for holiday gift ideas, too.

After all, where else can someone expect an average savings of 30 percent or more every day of the year?

For holiday entertaining needs, don't forget meat and cheese trays from the deli, or fruit and veggie trays from the produce department.

Letting the commissary do the work is a smart way to avoid stressing out over too much to do in too little time.

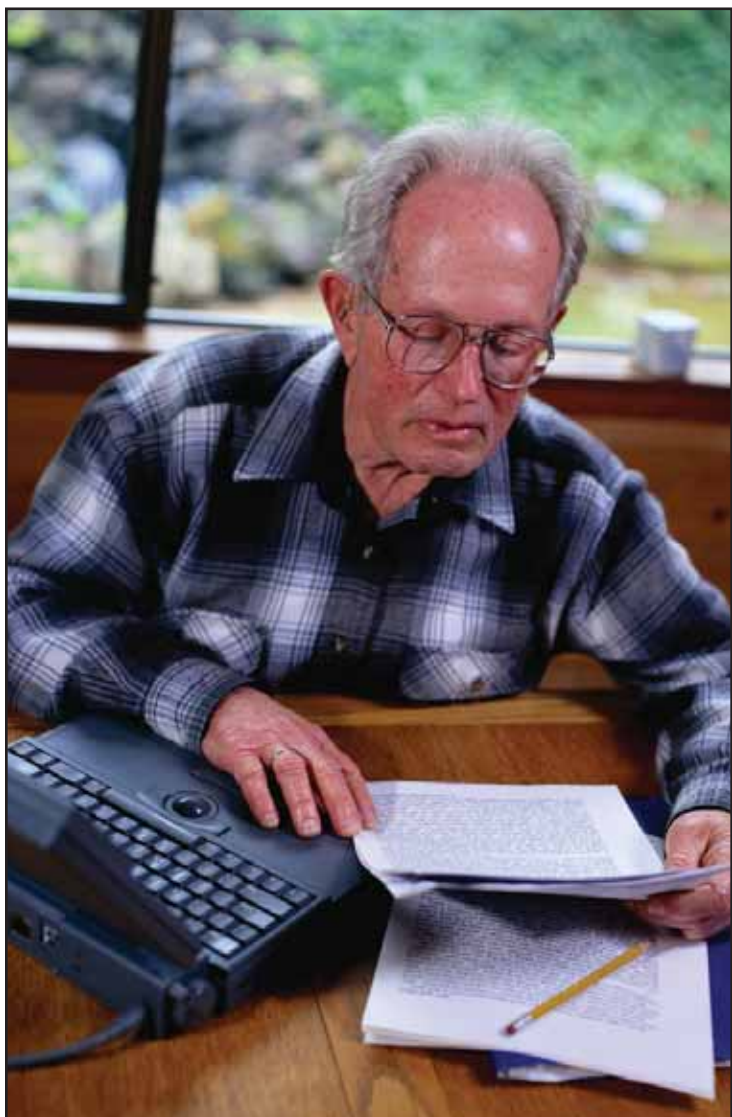
Be sure to take a look at holiday specials like ready-to-serve shrimp platters and desserts.

They often come frozen, but ready-to-thaw and serve as is. The best part is they are impressive enough to make your guests think they're at the Ritz.

For more information, call the Beale commissary at 634-2424, extension 0.



# What TRICARE beneficiaries need to know about Medicare Part D



**Dual-eligible beneficiaries should consider a number of factors when deciding whether or not to purchase Medicare Part D.** (Courtesy photo)

By CiCi Cea  
TriWest Healthcare Alliance

## About Medicare Part D

Medicare prescription drug coverage is insurance provided by private companies approved by Medicare. The program became available to everyone with Medicare on Jan. 1 and requires payment of a monthly premium. Individuals with limited income and resources may qualify for assistance from Medicare.

While this is not a TriWest- or TRICARE-sponsored program, some beneficiaries' TRICARE coverage has been affected, because some dual-eligible (Medicare and TRICARE) beneficiaries have been automatically enrolled in Medicare prescription drug coverage (Medicare Part D).

## Auto-enrollments

According to Medicare, individuals automatically enrolled in Medicare Part D qualified for both Medicare and Medicaid, and were sent a letter from Medicare highlighting their new prescription drug coverage options.

Beneficiaries enrolled in Part D may disenroll only during certain "enrollment periods," such as the Annual Coordinated Election Period, Nov. 15 to Dec. 31 of each year. During the AEP,

everyone who is Medicare-eligible can enroll in a Part D plan for the first time, switch to a new Part D plan, or disenroll from their current plan. Please contact Medicare to enroll, disenroll, or for information on additional enrollment periods.

## How does Medicare Part D affect TRICARE coverage?

If beneficiaries choose to purchase Medicare Part D, Medicare is then the primary payer and TRICARE, as second payer, will pay out-of-pocket expenses (deductible and cost shares) for TRICARE-covered medications. Dual-eligible beneficiaries will be required to submit a separate claim to WPS TDEFIC (TRICARE Dual-Eligible Fiscal Intermediary Contract), however TRICARE will not reimburse beneficiaries for the monthly Part D premium.

## Is Medicare Part D necessary?

Unlike many non-DoD Medicare beneficiaries, TRICARE beneficiaries already have a robust pharmacy benefit with no monthly premium and minimal copays for prescriptions filled at TRICARE retail network pharmacies, and no costs for prescriptions filled at military treatment facilities. Express Scripts offers beneficiaries

the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) program, which can save beneficiaries up to 66 percent off what they pay for prescriptions at a retail pharmacy.

For nearly all TRICARE-Medicare dual-eligible beneficiaries, under most circumstances, there is no added value in purchasing Medicare Part D. There may be an exception to this general rule for those with limited incomes and assets who qualify for Medicare assistance.

## How can beneficiaries disenroll from Medicare Part D?

Those who have been involuntarily enrolled in Medicare Part D may be able to disenroll by calling Medicare at 1-800-633-4227. Medicare Part D is a Medicare program; therefore TRICARE and TriWest cannot disenroll beneficiaries from Part D coverage.

Further questions regarding Part D enrollment, including enrollment status, call 1-800-633-4227. For more information about the TMOP program, call Express Scripts at 1-866-363-8667. For information about the DoD TRICARE Retail Pharmacy program, call 1-866-363-8779. For information about TRICARE for Life, call 866-773-0404 or visit <http://www.tricare4u.com>.

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# Fueling GWOT: Airmen pump over 1 million gallons, keep aircraft flying

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp  
U.S. Central Command Air Forces News Team

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** - Two Airmen assigned to the 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron each set a record for November.

Senior Airmen Matthew Turner and Chrystanya Morgan-Buford, 379th ELRS Fuels Management Flight distribution operators, each passed more than one million gallons of fuel to aircraft supporting the Global War on Terrorism.

This milestone can take an Airman a long time to accomplish elsewhere, according to Capt. Kristy Herman, 379th ELRS Fuels Management Flight commander.

"It is almost unheard of that an Airman will pump one million gallons in a month," said the captain, who is deployed from the 28th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Ellsworth Air Force Base, S. D. "At (this forward-operating location), it is possible because of how much flying is done here; however, it still is rare. These two are the first in this rotation to pump a million gallons in just 30 days, and what makes it so significant is that two people did it in the same month. I haven't heard of that happening here before. At any other base, for one individual to pump a million gallons takes months or more

often, years."

Airman Turner loaded and unloaded 1,132,619 gallons of fuel onto 250 aircraft. He set a goal for himself to reach this mark at the beginning of his deployment.

"I take a lot of pride in what I do and when you set a goal for yourself and complete it, it is a great sense of accomplishment," Airman Turner said, who is deployed from the 9th LRS at Beale AFB. "It feels righteous."

Airman Turner, a native of Apopka, Fla., said this was the third time he's reached the million-gallon mark. He deployed here from January to May 2005 and was the first person to pump more than a million gallons twice in two separate months.

While this is Airman Turner's second deployment, Airman Morgan-Buford said this is the first time she's deployed. She arrived here in September and issued 1,035,184 gallons of fuel to 231 aircraft in November.

"I was able to hit my goal and represent my flight for this rotation. I am excited that I was able to make the (flight's) wall of fame too," said the Sacramento, Calif., native, who is deployed from the 374th LRS, Yokota Air Base, Japan. She added she currently has the most gallons of fuel pumped in the area of responsibility and hopes to be named

"Pumper of the AOR" at the end of the tour.

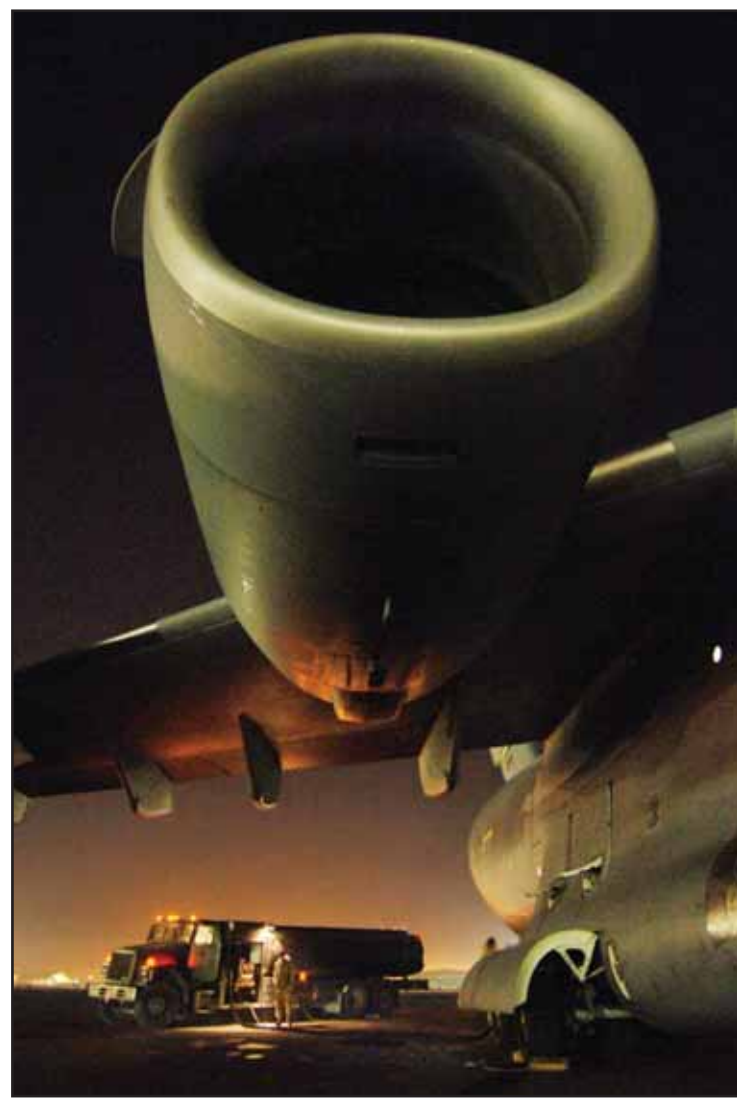
Between the Airmen, they filled a sport utility vehicle with enough gas so it could be driven around the world about 1,828 times.

The Airmen said there is "friendly competition" among flight members to see who can dispense the most fuel every month. Each person tracks the amount of fuel they load to or unload from an aircraft. The final gallons of fuel pumped are calculated at the end of each month. At that time, the "Pumper of the Month" and "Defuel King or Queen" is named, thus going on the flight's wall of fame.

The fuels flight here issues more than 20 million gallons of jet fuel to more than 2,000 aircraft monthly. She said the only other base that would come close the dispensing the most fuel is Ramstein AB, Germany, with 9 million gallons per month.

"(We are) the busiest fuels flight in the Air Force and possibly Department of Defense," the captain said. "No one else can compare to what we're doing here."

The Airmen, deployed for Aerospace Expeditionary Force 3/4, dispense fuel to United States and coalition tankers, fighters, bombers, and cargo and reconnaissance aircraft, as well as all transient aircraft.



(Left) Senior Airman Matthew Turner, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels distribution specialist, monitors the outgoing fuel pressure on an R11 fuel truck that feeds a C-17 Globemaster III at a forward-operating base in Southwest Asia.

(Above) Airman Turner works 12-hour shifts in support of operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom issuing fuel to the largest inventory of aircraft found anywhere in the Air Force. During November, the four-year Air Force veteran, deployed from the 9th Logistics Readiness Squadron at Beale pumped 1,132,619 gallons of fuel to 250 aircraft - a milestone that, at other bases worldwide commonly takes several months, if not years, to attain. (Photos by Master Sgt. Scott Wagers)



# Team Beale gymnast becomes state champion

By Airman 1st Class  
George Cloutier  
9th RW Public Affairs

Those who were at the last talent show got to see her perform first hand, and now the little girl who stunned everyone with her performance has done it again.

Her name is Makayla Curtis, a seven-year-old second-grader at Lone Tree Elementary School, who on Dec. 3 brought home first place at the Northern California level four gymnastics state championships. Though she's still quite young, this aspiring athlete's experience in gymnastics goes pretty far back.

"She started out back while we were stationed at the Air Force Academy when she was about three and a half," said Melissa Curtis, Makayla's mother. "We took her to gymnastics for a couple of months before the coach told us that

Makayla was ready for things she couldn't teach her."

Though Ms. Curtis didn't quite believe the coach at first, she did bring her to another gym, and quickly learned the potential her daughter's coach was talking about was real.

It wasn't long before Makayla's family moved to Florida, where her father was stationed in Key West. There, Makayla kept on with her practice and ambition to be a great gymnast. She went on to compete and take first place at the state championships that year in Fort Lauderdale.

"I was surprised at how well she did for her first state competition," Ms. Curtis said. "She was only six at the time, and we just wanted to give her an opportunity to compete. We never expected that she would actually come out first place."

Not long after winning her first state competition, she was

off to the nationals in Orlando.

"The meet went very well for Makayla," Ms. Curtis said. "She was very professional and hit all of her routines. Since it was so hard to keep up with all the scoring, we didn't know where she placed until the awards ceremony."

To her mother's astonishment, Makayla placed second overall in the national competition against 19 other girls in her age division, scoring best overall on the bars with a 9.65.

"For so long I had people tell me that Makayla had natural talent and a real gift for gymnastics, but I never thought too much about it because she was only six at the time," Ms. Curtis said. "This meet opened my eyes to the possibility that Makayla does have the natural talent to be an elite gymnast."

In the months following her return from the nationals, Makayla and her family would come face-to-face with something they feared would cut her athletic career short.

"In January 2006, Makayla was competing in a meet and after the second event she started to get chills," Ms. Curtis said. "When we returned home from the meet she had a fever and a horrible headache. I tried for two days to get the headache and fever to go away, but nothing seemed to work. We decided to take her to the hospital."

Makayla spent two days in the Key West hospital before she was released due to the hospital staff's inability to find out what had caused the sudden illness, according to Ms. Curtis. It seemed as though she was on her way to recovery, however disaster struck again a week later.

"A week later, I took Makayla to the Naval Base clinic because she was complaining of severe leg pains," Ms. Curtis said. "The pains were so bad that she could not even walk and had to crawl to get around the house."

After assessing Makayla's situation, doctors at the clinic suggested that Makayla be transported to the Miami Children's Hospital, Ms. Curtis said.

At the children's hospital, it took doctors and hospital staff eight days to finally come decide the cause of her illness.

"The tests showed that there was fluid on Makayla hip joints," Ms. Curtis said. "The doctors did not know if this injury was related to gymnastics."

Though she was never advised whether or not to take Makayla out of gymnastics, after a week of rest and antibiotics Makayla was back up and at it, according to Ms. Curtis.

In the months following her speedy recovery, the Curtis family packed their bags and said goodbye to Florida and hello to California. Shortly after their arrival at Beale, Ms. Curtis found a gym in Roseville, which they started attending shortly after moving in. Not long after she had settled into her new home and gym, Makayla was off to the Northern California State Championships in Brentwood, Calif., where she competed against 21 other girls in the category for seven-year-olds.

The competition got off to a good start, with Makayla scoring a 9.275 in the first event. During the next event however, things started looking grim.

"Her second event was bars," Ms. Curtis said. "During her warm-up she stuck her routine. When it was time for her to go, I thought that since the warm-ups went well she was going to deliver a perfect routine. I was wrong. Right in the middle of her routine she messed up a skill and almost fell off the bars."

Though she still received an 8.7 for the event, it was a devastating blow, according to Ms. Curtis. But being a true champion, she brushed it off and pressed on with the competition.

"I was a little worried about her beam routine due to the fact that her coach told me that Makayla did not like beam," Ms. Curtis said. "Over a two-week period, we worked at home on her beam routine. Her father made her a beam, which we keep in the living room. The extra practice must have helped because Makayla preformed a

flawless routine and as a result scored a 9.25."

Getting back into the swing of things after her unfortunate mistake in the previous event, it was time for the final event, the floor.

"When Makayla walked out onto the floor I was not sure what was going on in her mind, but I had confidence that Makayla would do her best," Ms. Curtis said.

And do her best she did, because in the final event Makayla scored high enough for her previous mistake. She walked away from the competition the champion of the day.

"The smile on her face standing on the first place podium was priceless," Ms. Curtis said.

Makayla now has a growing collection of medals and trophies she's won through her hard efforts as a gymnast. She has a reputation to live up to now, and is practicing as hard as ever.

"She's up to 10 and a half hours a week of practice," Ms. Curtis said. "We don't get home sometimes until well past nine at night."

Between practice and school, Makayla doesn't always have much time for other things, but she loves gymnastics, according to her mom.

"I always told her if she doesn't want to do it than we won't go anymore," Melissa said.

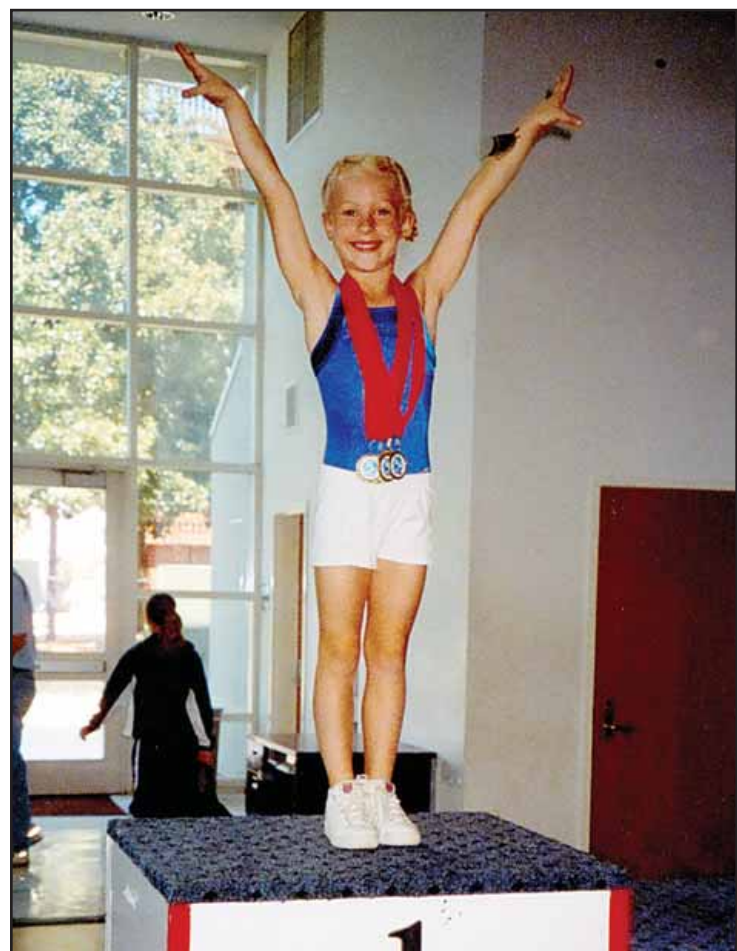
Of all the things about gymnastics Makayla likes the most, showing off and performing her routines for spectators are among her favorites, she said.

"I like to show off and do my tricks," Makayla said.

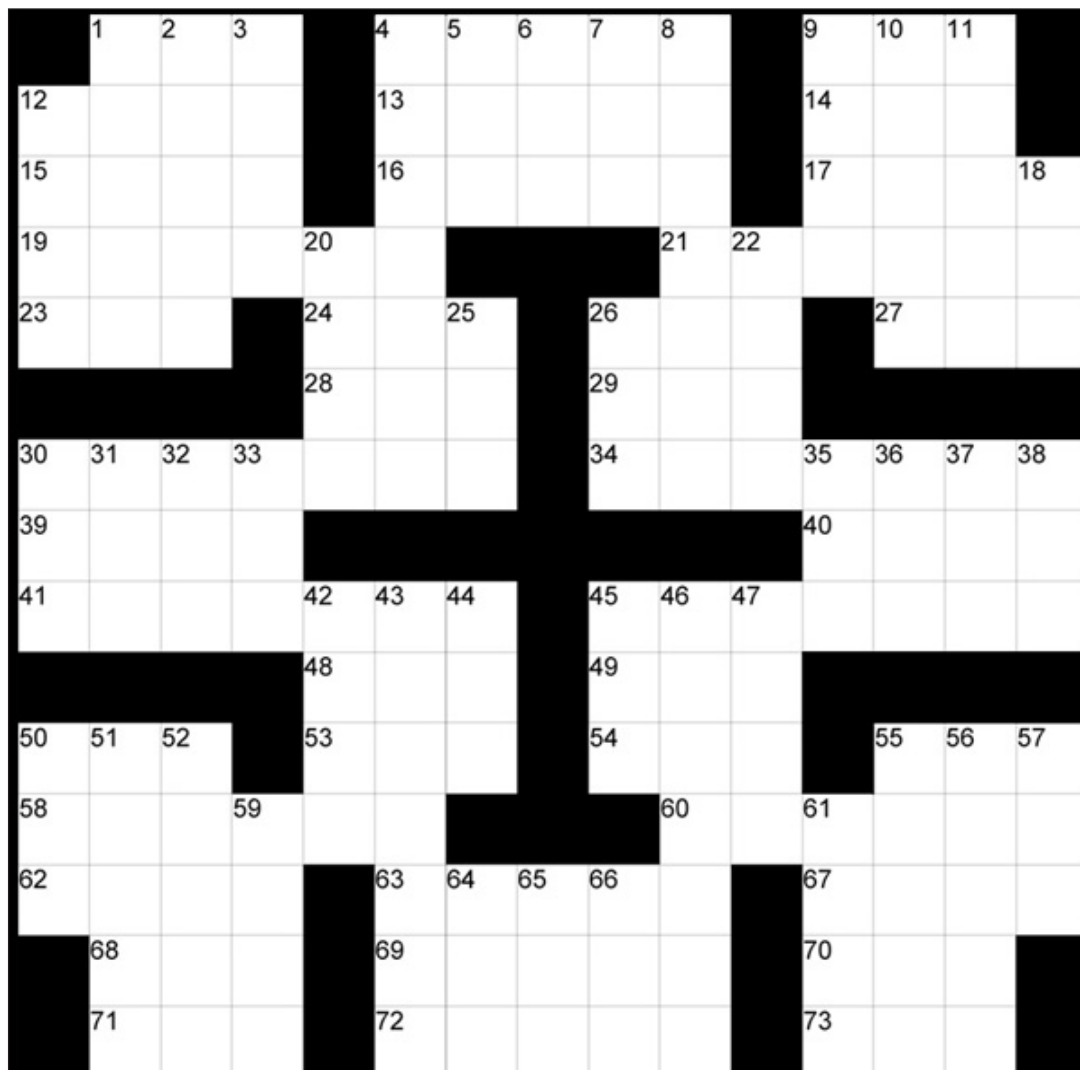
Makayla's mom said she doesn't know how long Makayla will stay in gymnastics, but will support her for however long and however far she wants to go, which may be pretty far if Makayla goes as far as she said she wants to.

"I want to make it to the Olympics," Makayla said.

Until then, Team Beale will continue to support the efforts of this aspiring young athlete as well as the family that supports her.



**Makayla Curtis, seven-year-old Team Beale gymnast, smiles after winning first place at the Northern California level 4 gymnastics state championships Dec. 3 in Brentwood, Calif. (Photo by Linda Curtis)**



**Moon Shot**

By Capt Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training  
Wing Public Affairs

**ACROSS**

1. Bond writer Fleming
4. Australian or New Zealander soldier
9. Rapping dr.
12. Writer Bombeck
13. \_\_\_\_ Mia
14. Snakelike fish
15. Last lunar mission
16. One of three crew members on last moon mission
17. Org. in charge of moon shot
19. Steal
21. U.S. space station projected after last moon shot
23. Single
24. Metal insignia of rank on shoulders of commissioned officers
26. Peter \_\_\_\_
27. USAF org. concerned with personnel
28. Water state
29. Japanese sash
30. Four-wheeled platform
34. Rocket used to launch lunar mission
39. \_\_\_\_ and Andy
40. Painful
41. One of three crew members on last lunar mission
45. Skilled performer of gymnastic feats
48. Female deer

49. Mai \_\_\_\_
50. Clump
53. Mining goal
54. Terminate
55. Actress Longoria
58. Lunar program
60. One of three crew members on last lunar mission
62. One of several large, dark plains on the moon; landing site
63. Hangman's halter
67. Sicilian erupter
68. Captain \_\_\_\_
69. Pilot program
70. Circle part
71. Explosive combo
72. Stares at
73. Color

**DOWN**

1. Cowboy great Michael
2. Walk \_ \_ \_ in her shoes...
3. Inexperienced person
4. Name of last lunar mission command module
5. AFSC 12X duty
6. GNC nutrition supplement
7. USAF E-2
8. Winter melon
9. Operation \_\_\_\_ Flight
10. Royal domain; kingdom
11. Lanchester and Schiaparelli
12. Former Montreal player
18. Vehicle brakes, in short
20. Saga
22. Sew
25. Each
26. Battery charge, in short
30. Owns
31. USAF MAJCOM
32. Classic Japanese drama employing verse, choral song, dance
33. USAF medal awarded for distinguished performance
35. Morale, welfare and recreation org.
36. \_\_\_\_ Roy
37. Gun lobby
38. Mil. retiree perhaps
42. American \_\_\_\_
43. Canadian city home to the Maple Leafs
44. Golf prop
45. Dined
46. Invalidates
47. First US woman in space
50. Beaver structure
51. Separate
52. Periodic Table symbol B
55. Doorway
56. AETC base
57. Santa \_\_\_\_
59. Annual season of fasting and penitence; prep for Easter
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64. Web site ending
65. Engine need
66. Auto mechanics org.

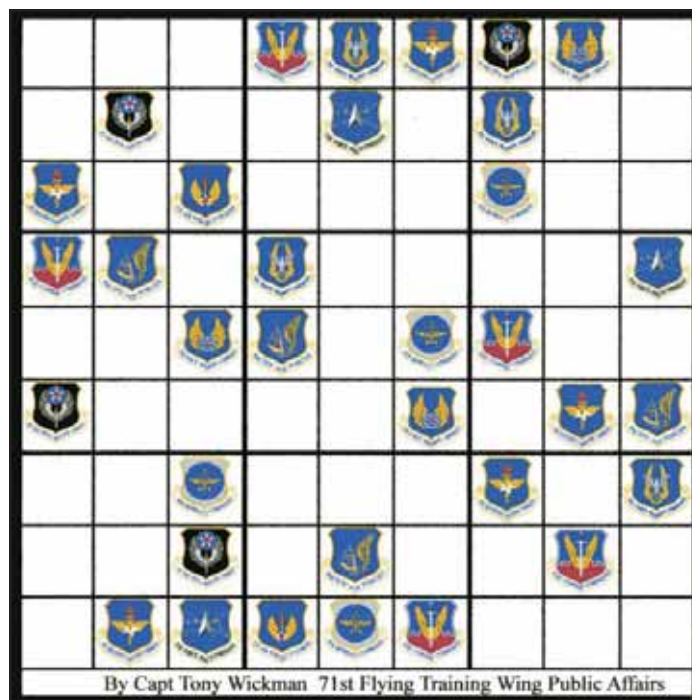


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# AFDOKU: Try It!

To solve, place an enlisted rank into each box so that each row across, each column down, and each small 9-box square within the larger diagram (there are nine of these) will contain every enlisted rank. In other words, no rank (E-1 - E-9) may appear more than once in any row, column, or smaller 9-box square. Working with the ranks already given as a guide, complete each diagram with the missing ranks that will lead to the correct solution.



By Capt Tony Wickman 71st Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

## Superheroes, AAFES join forces for fourth military-only comic

DALLAS - Just in time for the holiday season, Marvel Comics' "The New Avengers" and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service have teamed up once again to bring troops stationed around the world another free, military-exclusive comic book.

Scheduled to arrive in continental United States exchanges around Wednesday and overseas, including the 53 Base and Post Exchange facilities throughout Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, shortly thereafter, "The New Avengers; Letters Home" is the fourth installment of the military-only comic book series.

"Due to their limited availability, collectors have historically shown great interest in these special AAFES and Marvel Comics editions," said Col. Max Baker, AAFES chief of staff.

"If the past is any indicator, 'The New Avengers; Letters Home' issue should go quickly."

Available exclusively at AAFES, the newest issue once again features Marvel's superhero Captain America, who, because his regular supporting cast is away for the holidays, is joined by Silver Surfer, Ghost Rider and special guest, The Punisher.

When Hydra takes over a military communications satellite, the superheroes spring into action to ensure troops e-mail messages to loved ones make their way home.

Because of the highly collectible nature and the anticipated demand for the 36-page comic, AAFES officials advise that "The New Avengers; Letters Home" is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

<http://www.afvclub.com>

# The Wake-Up (or "The Snoork")

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## Man on the Street - Ask and You Shall Receive



**TSgt Calvin Rasor, Det 2**

"Why not have a club night for E1-E4 to keep them occupied, and a club night for NCO's adults 21 years and up with a more grown up environment."



**SrA Christina Marquez, Det 2**

"I go to many of the Services facilities because of the availability, cleanliness and services. I think these Services are better now then when I first got to Beale. The only suggestion I have is to have more events for the children, like laser tag."



**SrA Marcus White, 9th CES**

"I'd like to see better fields for flag football and more sporting competitions for Beale."



**MSgt Keith Resseguie, Det 2**

"I'd like to know why we have to buy a fishing license for federal ground." He also suggested, "Can OAC locate some paddle boats near each of the ponds so that they rent to folks who don't have the necessary transportation?"



**2dLt Jason Ruiz, 9th OSS**

"There seem to be some great spots around here to go rock climbing! That would be an awesome summer event for OAC to put together."

The **Services Squadron** continues to strive for excellence with the "man on the street" survey. The marketing department is using the surveys to compile information and forming a consensus. "We've already received so many good ideas and are already establishing efforts to implement them" said Marketing Director Steve Watson. Last month there was a suggestion from Sgt Rodriquez Burnett and again from TSgt Calvin Rasor this month to have an Airman Night at the Club. Starting January 26th, the Recce Point Club is opening their Enlisted Bar to Airmen E1-E4 for an exclusive Hip Hop party. It costs only \$2 for non members and FREE for club members.

Last week the Marketing Dept visited several offices throughout building 1086 then visited with the CE Squadron and over 100 questionnaires were answered. In response SrA Marquez with the youth laser tag suggestion, the Youth Center is having a laser tag teen night coming up on January 26th at the Adventure Zone. It cost \$20 members and \$25 for non-members with the signup deadline on the 17th.

SrA Marcus White recommends better

fields for flag football. SSgt Michael Canady from the Harris Fitness Center responds by saying, "We are aware of the fields not being in the best shape and are working with CE for improvements. It's a work-in-progress. We are currently working on a new field next to the running track, when that opens, we'll be able to rotate between the two fields, helping with the wear and tear."

MSgt Keith Resseguie recommends locating rentable paddle boats near each of the ponds on Beale and wonders why it's necessary to buy a state fishing license. OAC director, Debi Best replies, "It's a mandated law to have the State fishing license along with the Base license, unfortunately there is nothing we can do about that. There is something we can do about the suggestion with the paddle

boats. Because of the fluctuation of the water levels here on base, it's not feasible to locate boats nearby. However, there are inflatable boats for rent, and for a nominal fee OAC will relocate any of the boats to the desired location." Debi also answers Jason Ruiz's question about the rock climbing. "OAC has regular indoor rock climbing events. The next event is in February, an indoor rock climbing and biking trip. We currently do not have the equipment for an outdoor rock climbing

expedition; however, if there was a big necessity for it, we'd find a way to make it happen. All you have to do is inquire, and OAC will do it's best to comply."

Services is listening to your suggestions and taking action. Not only is the Beale Service Squadron adding new events they are improving customer service. If you have any suggestions please fill out an ICE comment card at any of the Services facilities or at [www.bealeservices.com](http://www.bealeservices.com). Let your voice be heard, Services is listening.

### Scavenger Hunt

**December 27th 10:00 am • Open to all ages**

Round up your friends to make a 4-person team. Teams will retrieve items. The first two teams to return to the Community Center with all items and no speeding tickets will win a great prize!

>> Sign up deadline December 22nd <<  
**OPEN TO ALL AGES**

**Community Center • 634-3140**



### GREAT OUTDOOR adventures!

ALL TRIPS AND TICKETS ARE OPEN TO MILITARY & DoD CIVILIANS

#### Jelly Belly Factory/Vacaville Outlets

Jan 4th / 8:00 AM-5:00 PM • Cost: \$10 adult, \$5 child under 12

Sign up by: Jan 2nd. A visit to the candy making factory in Fairfield. 40 minute walking tour where they cook over 150 different sweet treats. OAC will then drive you to the Vacaville Outlet Shopping Center for a few hours of after-holiday shopping.

#### Homewood Ski Resort Family Day

Jan 6th / 6:30 AM-7:30 PM • Cost: \$10 Active-Duty Member w/ID & dependents under 10 yrs. old, \$32.50 Adult dependent w/ID.

\$26.50 dependent ages 11-17, OR Trans., Ski Rental & Lessons \$58 Adult, \$48 Junior (great price for beginners!)

Sign up by: Jan 4th. Let the OAC ski shuttle transport you to Homewood ski resort. Enjoy skiing Lake Tahoe in a small town, family friendly environment. \*Return times are estimated dependent upon weather and traffic conditions.

#### > Active Duty Ski & Snowboard Specials <

SKI RENTALS • Daily \$16, Sat-Mon \$22, Weekend (Fri-Mon) \$25.

SNOWBOARDS • Daily \$23, Sat-Mon \$28, Weekend (Fri-Mon) \$32.

### NEW YEAR'S EVE RENO TURNAROUND



Sun, Dec 31st. 4:30 pm-5:30 am • \$43  
 Get a \$10 cash voucher & \$5 food voucher.

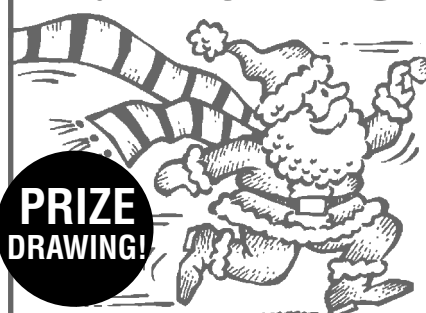
**Actual price \$28<sup>00</sup>**

**HURRY! sign up deadline 12/15.**

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURE CENTER • 634-2054**

**LAST RUN OF 2006**

## Jingle Bell Run 5K FUN RUN



**PRIZE DRAWING!**

**20 Dec • 11:30 am**

Start at the Coyote Trail next to golf cart station.

**AF SERVICES**  
**Fitness & Sports**

**PROTECT CHEER**

**Harris Fitness Center**  
**634-2258**

Beale's Harris Fitness Center  
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## Project CHEER for the season

Project CHEER is well on its way, creating hope, energy, enthusiasm and recreation. So far there have been three big events, The Holiday Bazaar, Parents Night Out and Colossal Cookie Challenge, totaling well over a hundred entries. The Child Development Center gave away the first of many instant prizes for Project CHEER, a drawing to wave that night's fees, valuing \$25.

Each time an individual participates in an event they can fill out and submit a Project CHEER ticket. The more events they go to, the more chances they have on winning the grand prizes. Each family who participates in the Project CHEER events gets another ticket. The Hub Zemke Library is offering an instant prize at their **Story Time with Crafts**. They are having a drawing for a \$25 AAFES gift certificate to use towards a purchase of a CD/DVD. Other instant prize will happen at the **Texas Hold'em Tournaments**, giving 3 video poker players to the 4th, 5th and 6th place winners. The Airmen Basketball Tournament is having a drawing for a free massage and a 3 day personal training certificate. The **Airman E1-E4 Color-rama Bowling Tournament** will be giving away several fun prizes throughout the games and an on the spot drawing for a Columbia Scout R Hi-Flare bowling ball.

This is the seventh running year for Project CHEER. The Services Squadron understands how difficult it is being away

from home. That's why they strive to maintain and increase the level of support for single airmen, newly arriving personnel and families of the deployed, as well as the entire Beale community, offering more prizes this year than ever before. Be sure to pick up your Project CHEER brochure at anyone of the Services facilities or go on line at [www.bealeservices.com](http://www.bealeservices.com) for more details.



### HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION

FACILITY NAME	SAT 23-Dec	SUN 24-Dec	MON 25-Dec	SAT 30-Dec	SUN 31-Dec	MON 1-Jan
Aero Club	By Appt	By Appt	Closed	By Appt	By appt	By appt
Arts & Crafts	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Auto Skills	0900-1700	0900-1700	Closed	0900-1700	0900-1700	Closed
Beale Lanes	1100-2300	1100-1700**	Closed	1100-2300	1100-1700	Closed
Spare Time Grill	1100-2100	1100-1700	Closed	1100-2100	1100-1700	Closed
Ramonedas	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
CDC	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Community Center	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Contrails Brunch	0800-1300	0800-1300	*0800-1300	0800-1300	0800-1300	0800-1300
Supper	1600-1800	1600-1800	1600-1800	1600-1800	1600-1800	1600-1800
Coyote Run Golf	Dawn-Dusk	Dawn-Dusk	Closed	Dawn-Dusk	Dawn-Dusk	Dawn-Dusk
FCC Office	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Gold Country Inn	Open 24/7	Open 24/7	Open 24/7	Open 24/7	Open 24/7	Open 24/7
Harris Fitness	0800-2000	0800-2000	Closed	0800-2000	0800-2000	0800-2000
Library	1200-1700	Closed	Closed	1200-1700	Closed	Closed
OAC	0800-1200	Closed	Closed	0800-1200	Closed	Closed
Pub Dining	0800-2000	0800-2000	Closed	0800-2000	0800-2000	0800-2000
Pub Lounge	1600-2000	1600-2000	Closed	1600-0200	1600-2000	1600-2000
Recce Point Club	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	2000-0200	Closed
Rod & Gun	0900-1600	0900-1600	Closed	0900-1600	0900-1300	Closed
Y.Center-School Age	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Youth Center-Open Rec	1500-1900	Closed	Closed	1500-1900	Closed	Closed
Youth Center-Teen Time	1900-2300	Closed	Closed	1900-2300	Closed	Closed
Vet Clinic	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

\*25 Dec 06: Christmas Meal/ Agency Generated Menu;  
 0800-0900 Cold Brunch/ 1030-1300 Christmas Lunch/ 1600-1800 Supper.  
 \*\*Hours may change during the holiday week, contact the facility for more information.

## 2006 PROJECT CHEER

### On-Going Events

#### Family Night- Happy Holidays **NEW DATE!**

**Dec 20th • 5:00-7:30 pm • Games Music & Buffet**  
 \$1.00 members, \$3.00 non-mem, kids under 10 FREE!  
 Santa and his little helpers will be here to help celebrate.

**Recce Point Club • 634-4948**

#### Victorian Christmas in Nevada City

**Dec 20th • 5:00-8:30 pm • Ages 9-18 • Sign-up by 12/18**  
 Shop, enjoy carolers & holiday food! \$5 mem, \$10 non-mem.

**Youth Center • 634-4953**

#### Texas Hold'em

**Dec 21st • 5:30 pm • \$5 members, \$10 non-members**  
 4th, 5th & 6th place winners receive a FREE video poker player!

**Recce Point Club • 634-4948**

#### It's Snowing at the Youth Center

**Dec 22nd • 12:00 noon • Open to all ages**  
 Truck loads of snow, depending on availability, and fun!

**Youth Center • 634-4953**

#### Airman E1-E4 Tournament

**Dec 22nd • 8:00 pm - closing • Win free prizes.**  
 Enter a drawing for a Columbia Scout R Hi-Flare bowling ball.

**Beale Lanes • 634-2299**

#### Bounce House Fun

**Dec 28th • 11:00 am-1:30 pm • FREE • Open to all ages**  
 Children must be supervised by an adult.

**Outdoor Adventure Center • 634-2054**

#### Snowboarding Teen Trip to Boreal

**Dec 28th • 7:00 am-6:00 pm • Ages 13-18 • Sign-up by 12/22**  
 \$30 mem, \$40 non-mem. (Save \$10 by using your own board!)

**Youth Center • 634-4953**

#### Base-wide Scavenger Hunt **NEW EVENT**

**Dec 27th • 10:00 am • Sign up by 12/22**  
 Teams will solve clues and retrieve items. The first two teams to return with all items wins a prize.

**Community Center • 634-3140**

#### Story Time With Crafts

**Dec 27th • 10:30 am • Attend this event with a chance to win a \$25 AAFES gift certificate.**

**Hub Zemke Library • 634-2314**

#### Sledding at Yuba Gap

**Dec 29th • 8:00 am-4:00 pm • Sign up by 12/27**  
 \$5 Mem, \$10 Non-mem. Ages 9-12. Includes equip/trans.

**Youth Center • 634-4953**

#### Project CHEER Finale

**Dec 31st • 8:00-9:00 pm**  
 Drawing held for Grand Prizes! Stay for the New Year's Party at the Recce Point Club with a live band, hors d'oeuvres and champagne toast! Call for details.

**Recce Point Club • 634-4948**

Call Marketing at **634-5407** for information

**NEW DATE!**

## Family Night HAPPY HOLIDAYS

- GAMES
- MUSIC
- BUFFET

**December 20th • 5:00-7:30 pm**  
 Santa and his little helpers will be here to help celebrate the Holiday season!

**\$1.00 members, \$3.00 non-members**  
 Kids under 10 FREE

**Recce Point Club 634-4948**

**Buy one complete AUTO DETAILING before Christmas**

Auto Hobby 634-2296

**and get the 2nd at 1/2 OFF!**

HOSTED BY FORMER NBA PLAYERS  
**Harold Pressley & Franklin Edwards**

**FREE BASKETBALL CAMP**  
 Sign up by Jan 24th.

**Giveaways • Autographs**  
**Sac Kings Merchandise**

Ages 6-14 • FREE B-B-Q for all participants  
**Jan 21st • 1:00-5:00 pm**  
 Sign up by Jan 21st at the Youth Center Basketball Camp at the Harris Fitness Center  
 >>> PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED <<<

**Youth Center 634-4953**

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